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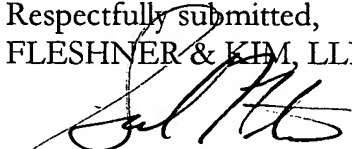
REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending. Claim 23 has been amended to be dependent on allowable claim 22. Therefore, since this is the only amendment presented for consideration, it is respectfully submitted that entry of this paper is proper and reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and timely allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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